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Ad Hoc Group of Experts on State
Participation and Privatization
in the Minerals Sector
Geneva, 26 October 1995
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. Comparison of national experiences of State participation and privatization in the context of the efficient management of non-fuel mineral resources

4. Other business

5. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to the Standing Committee on Commodities.

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II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Meeting facilities including interpretation will be available on 26 and 27 October between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. In order to facilitate the comparison of national experiences under item 3 of the provisional agenda, it is proposed that presentations and related discussions be organized according to geographical regions in turn, and that these regional sessions be preceded and followed by general discussion sessions. The following timetable has been drawn up with a view to expediting the work of the Group. A detailed programme, including the names of experts invited by UNCTAD to make presentations, will be made available at the time of the meeting. A report on State participation and privatization in the minerals sector (TD/B/CN.1/GE.2/2) has been prepared by the secretariat as an introduction to the work of the Expert Group.

Thursday, 26 October 1995

10.00 a.m.	Opening of the meeting and election of Chairman and Rapporteur.
10.15 a.m.	General introductory presentations and discussion.
11.30 a.m.	Comparison of national experiences: developing countries in America. Presentations and discussion.
3.00 p.m.	Comparison of national experiences: developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Presentations and discussion.
4.30 p.m.	Comparison of national experiences: developing countries in Africa. Presentations and discussion.

Friday, 27 October 1995

10.00 a.m.	Comparison of national experiences: countries in transition to a market economy. Presentations and discussion.
11.30 a.m.	Comparison of national experiences: developed market-economy countries. Presentations and discussions.
3.00 p.m.	General discussion. Presentation by the Chairman of possible conclusions and recommendations.

It is anticipated that the Group will not be able to prepare and adopt a report on its meeting in the short period of time available during 26-27 October. The Group may therefore wish to authorize the Rapporteur to prepare a report following the meeting and request the Chairman to make an oral report on the meeting to the fourth session of the Standing Committee on Commodities (which will convene during the following week, 30 October - 3 November).